

December 31, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, January 9, 2008- 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Due to the brief nature of the agenda, a telephone conference call meeting of the Management Committee will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above.

Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call.

The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those using transit, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
January 9, 2008**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

3. Information.

4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*4A. Approval of November 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes

4A. Review and approval of the November 7, 2007 meeting minutes.

*4B. Consultant Selection for the Performance Measurement Framework and Congestion Management Update

The FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2007, includes the Performance Measurement Framework and Congestion Management Update. The

4B. Recommend that PBS & J be selected to conduct the Performance Measurement Framework and Congestion Management Update for an amount not to exceed \$550,000.

Framework and Update will provide the MAG region with reports, strategies, and planning tools that measure performance and congestion of the transportation system at various levels. A request for proposals (RFP) was advertised in November 2007. Three proposals were received and reviewed by a multi-agency proposal evaluation team. On December 17, 2007, the evaluation team interviewed firms and recommended to MAG the selection of PBS & J to conduct the Framework and Update for an amount not to exceed \$550,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Project Changes: Amendments, and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and Material Change to the ADOT Program

The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update were approved by the Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed amendments and administrative modifications to highway projects in the FY 2008-2012 TIP are listed in Table A, and the administrative modification to transit projects in the FY 2008-2012 TIP is listed in Table B. Since the Transportation Review Committee approved the list, there have been two additional projects added to the list: DOT08-84I and TMP08-603. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations and an administrative modification does not require a conformity determination. In addition, Table C notes the Material Change to the ADOT Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4D. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed amendment includes the

4C. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, and a material change to the ADOT Program as shown in the attached tables.

4D. Consultation.

addition of seven federally-funded Hazard Elimination Safety and Transportation Enhancement projects. The amendment also includes one new project and several minor project changes for the Arizona Department of Transportation in FY 2008. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. In addition, MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for a City of Goodyear project-level conformity determination for a park-and-ride facility located at the northwest corner of Interstate-10 and Dysart Road. Comments on the conformity assessments are requested by January 25, 2008. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4E. Upcoming Human Services Grant Opportunities

Every year, MAG facilitates two different application processes to support homeless assistance programs as well as agencies that transport older adults and people with disabilities. The application competition for Section 5310 funds to support agencies that transport older adults and people with disabilities has been opened by the Arizona Department of Transportation. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is expected to release the Stuart B. McKinney applications to support homeless assistance programs in the next few months. This item is presented to make member agencies aware of the opportunities for funding and to offer technical assistance throughout the process.

The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness submits a consolidated application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Stuart B. McKinney funds to support homeless assistance programs. Each year, the region receives record breaking awards. Last year, the region received more than \$20 million. Typically, new applications are limited by HUD to permanent housing projects that serve chronically

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homeless people. HUD is expected to release the application in March.

The MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Committee prepares a priority listing of applications for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for Section 5310 funds. This funding source provides vans, radio equipment, and software to nonprofit agencies, municipalities and tribes transporting older adults and people with disabilities. Last year, mobility management funds were made available for the first time to assist agencies in coordinating programs. The due date for the applications is February 11, 2008 at noon. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4F. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in the spring and approved by the Regional Council in May. This overview of MAG's draft Dues and Assessments for FY 2009 provides an opportunity for early input into the development of the Work Program and Budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4G. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Comprehensive Amendment for the Town of Buckeye

The Town of Buckeye has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to incorporate the changes outlined in the Comprehensive Amendment for the Town of Buckeye. The amendment proposes 18 wastewater treatment facilities to serve the Town of Buckeye Municipal Planning Area (MPA) including five of the six existing facilities, six planned facilities, and seven future facilities. The ultimate proposed capacity for the Town of Buckeye MPA would be 241.2 million gallons per day. The

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4G. Recommend approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Comprehensive Amendment for the Town of Buckeye.

Town plans to maximize opportunities for reuse and recharge of treated effluent from the facilities. In addition, each of the 18 facilities has or may obtain an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for discharges into Waters of the United States. The project is within three miles of the towns of Gila Bend and Wickenburg, cities of Glendale, Goodyear, and Surprise, and unincorporated Maricopa County. Five of the six entities have indicated no objections. The City of Surprise has indicated that it opposes this plan only due to a boundary issue. The public hearing on the draft amendment was conducted on December 13, 2007. Following the hearing, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. MAG Federal Funding Process Update

On March 13, 2007 and November 6, 2007, MAG Held workshops to discuss the MAG Federal Fund program that utilizes Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds (CMAQ). The next meeting is scheduled for early 2008. Staff will provide an update on the review of the MAG federal funds process that MAG uses to evaluate and recommend projects for CMAQ funding. The goal of the process is to ensure that it is consistent with the provisions of the guidance provided by the Federal Highway Administration and is clearly articulated to the MAG member agencies. It is anticipated that a report on possible improvements will be provided to the Management Committee in the Spring of 2008.

6. Programming of Projects for MAG Federal Funding in the Draft FY 2009-2013 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) targets all future MAG federal funds to specific modes and, in some cases, identifies specific projects for the funds. For Intelligent

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6. Recommend approval of the projects listed in the attached table to be added to the MAG Federal Fund Program and to be added to the Draft FY 2009-2013 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

Transportation Systems (ITS), bicycle, pedestrian and air quality projects, the RTP identified funds, but did not specify individual projects. Requests for projects for the MAG Federal funds expected to be available for FY 2013, FY 2010, and FY2009 have been received and ranked by modal technical advisory committees. The attached table contains a list of projects submitted, and the Transportation Review Committee's recommendation for projects to receive MAG Federal funding for the respective federal fiscal years. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. MAG Human Services Resource Assessment Project

This project maps out resources used to address human services throughout the region. To put these resources in context, an index for human services demand has been created and mapped out as well. This index is the first of its kind in the country. The project provides a very current measure of the demand for human services that MAG member agencies, funders and nonprofit agencies may use a tool for planning and program development. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Update on MAG Managers Forum

At the November 7, 2007, Management Committee meeting, staff solicited interest and possible ideas for the potential program of a MAG Manager's Forum. To work effectively as a region, great relationships and effective communication are essential. To assist in addressing these issues, an informal regional dialogue event for managers has been suggested. Prior to the event, a short profile questionnaire would be distributed to managers and the results compiled to assist in enhancing professional knowledge about managers in the region and strengthen relationships. At the one-half day event, managers would be invited to share their experiences in small group discussion through an Appreciative Inquiry exercise and discuss the challenge of acting locally while working regionally. Dr. James Johnson is the

7. Recommend approval of the MAG Human Services Resource Assessment Project.

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invited keynote speaker for the luncheon. Members of the Regional Council are also being invited to the luncheon portion of the forum. Dr. Johnson is William Rand Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor; Director, Urban Investment Strategies Center; and associated with the Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise and Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Johnson's luncheon presentation focuses on global and national trends and would complete the approximate one-half day event. The forum is proposed to take place on Friday, March 14 at the Virginia G. Piper Auditorium which is located on the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix campus, in collaboration with Arizona State University, in downtown Phoenix.

9. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

9. Information.